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4. (Amended) The implant according to claim 1 wherein at least one of said agents includes an immediate release component and at least one of said agents includes a time-delayed component.

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10. (Amended) The implant according to claim 1 wherein said growth stimulating agent and said supplemental agent are in separate pellets of said implant.

11. (Amended) The implant according to claim 3 wherein said estrus-suppressing composition is selected from the group consisting of norgestomet, melengesterol acetate, derivatives and combinations thereof.

12. (Amended) The implant according to claim 1 wherein said first growth stimulating agent comprises from about 5 to 400 mg trenbolone acetate and said supplemental agent comprises from about 10 to 100 mg melengesterol acetate.

Please add the following new claims:

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33. (New) The implant according to claim 3 wherein said estrus-suppressing composition is a progestin.

34. (New) An implant for placement under the skin of an animal comprising:
at least one solid bio-accessible pellet having a synergistically effective amount of a growth stimulating agent; and
at least one solid bio-accessible pellet having a synergistically effective amount of a supplemental agent;
wherein said pellets synergistically combine to promote growth in an animal.

35. (New) The implant according to claim 34 wherein said growth stimulating agent is selected from the group consisting of trenbolone acetate, estradiol, estradiol benzoate, zeranol, testosterone propionate, progesterone, derivatives and combinations thereof.

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36. (New) The implant according to claim 34 wherein said supplemental agent is selected from the group consisting of parasiticides, estrus-suppressing compositions, antibiotics, somatotropins, gonadotropins, derivatives and combinations thereof.
37. (New) The implant according to claim 34 wherein at least one of said agents includes an immediate release component and at least one of said agents includes a time-delayed component.
38. (New) The implant according to claim 36 wherein said estrus-suppressing composition is selected from the group consisting of melengestrol acetate, norgestomet, derivatives and combinations thereof.
39. (New) The implant according to claim 36 wherein said estrus-suppressing composition is a progestin.
40. (New) The implant according to claim 34 wherein said growth stimulating agent comprises from about 20 to 400 mg trenbolone acetate and said supplemental agent comprises from about 10 to 100 mg melengestrol acetate.
41. (New) A method for promoting growth in animals comprising:
providing at least one solid bio-accessible pellet having a synergistically effective amount of a growth stimulating agent;
providing at least one solid bio-accessible pellet having a synergistically effective amount of a supplemental agent wherein said pellets synergistically combine to promote growth in an animal; and
implanting said first and second pellets under the skin of an animal.
42. (New) The method according to claim 41 wherein said growth stimulating agent is selected from the group consisting of trenbolone acetate, estradiol, estradiol benzoate, zeranol, testosterone propionate, progesterone, derivatives and combinations thereof.

43. (New) The method according to claim 41 wherein said supplemental agent is selected from the group consisting of parasiticides, estrus-suppressing compositions, antibiotics, somatotropins, gonadotropins, derivatives and combinations thereof.

44. (New) The method according to claim 41 wherein at least one of said pellets includes both an immediate release component and a time-delayed component.

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45. (New) The method according to claim 43 wherein said estrus-suppressing composition is selected from the group consisting of melengesterol acetate, norgestomet, derivatives and combinations thereof.

46. (New) The method according to claim 43 wherein said estrus-suppressing composition is a progestin.

47. (New) The method according to claim 41 wherein said growth stimulating agent comprises from about 5 to 400 mg trenbolone acetate and said supplemental agent comprises from about 10 to 100 mg melengesterol acetate.

48. (New) An implant for placement under the skin of an animal comprising:
at least one solid bio-accessible pellet having a synergistically effective amount of
trenbolone acetate; and
at least one solid bio-accessible pellet having a synergistically effective amount of
melengesterol acetate;
wherein said pellets synergistically combine to promote growth in an animal.

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action dated February 5, 2002, Applicant hereby makes the following response. The application was filed on June 8, 2000 and included claims 1-32. Claims 19-26 were divided out without prejudice on October 24, 2002, for a later divisional application, if necessary. A simultaneous election of species resulted in claims 5-9, 13-18, and